

THE 2012 NINTH ANNUAL HOMELESS SUMMIT

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About the Summit

The 2012 Ninth Annual Homeless Summit is an annual event hosted by the State of Utah, the Lt. Governor, and the Housing and Community Development Division. This year we invite you to learn about best practices for serving our homeless citizens. This is an issue that affects everyone in our state. The Summit's goal is to engage our entire community in working together to provide housing and needed support to the homeless individuals and families. The Homeless Summit will be sponsored by O.C. Tanner and American Express, businesses that specialize in community development.

Who Attends?

Last year we had over 350 participants register for the Summit and this year we expect even more. Participants include community leaders in state and county government, homeless providers, small businesses, federal employees, state representatives, educators, representatives from various public and private entities and community members. We welcome our future leaders and invite students to attend the Summit.

Conference Highlights

This year's Summit will help participants to learn more about homeless supportive services, housing the homeless and ideas that help by a statewide network of leaders. They will have a chance to connect and bring solutions to the table by attending interactive breakout sessions.

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Sam Tsemberis founded Pathways to Housing in 1992, based on the belief that housing is a basic right for all. He currently serves as the CEO of Pathways, which operates programs in New York City, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and Vermont. Pathways developed the Housing First model that provides immediate access to permanent supported housing; independent apartments and intensive treatment and support services for individuals who are homeless and who have psychiatric disabilities and substance use disorders. The program uses a person-centered harm reduction approach and does not require participation in treatment or sobriety as a precondition for housing. Pathways' Housing First is recognized by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration as an evidence-based practice, having been successfully replicated and evaluated in numerous settings across the United States.

Lt. Governor Greg Bell is the Chair of our State Homeless Coordinating Council Board Meetings and oversees the issues that confront the homeless in the state of Utah. His State of State address will speak about the progress they have made in reaching the goals to end chronic homelessness.

Gordon Walker is the Director of the Housing and Community Development Division. He will be conducting this year's Summit.

Registration

Registration includes light breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks. Register online now!